

TO END RACING IN NEW ORLEANS

Campaign to Suppress All
Forms of Betting at
the Race Tracks.

BOTH PARTIES FAVOR PROPOSED MEASURE

Governor-Elect, It Is Expected,
Will Mention Matter in His
Message to Legislature—Will
Passage of Bill Injure
Winter Tourists
Business?

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3.—A campaign to abolish racing in Louisiana, backed by some of the most wealthy and influential residents of the State, will be launched before the Legislature, which meets at Baton Rouge one week from next Monday. The attempt will be made to suppress absolutely every form of betting at or connected with race tracks, and it is understood that this will result in the immediate closing of the tracks. No suggestion of what opposition the racing interest of the State will make has yet become public. Those who claim to be friends of the sport, without financial interests therein, have proposed a State racing commission as an alternative for the complete closing of the tracks.

The avowed opponents of race track gambling in any form include, to date, most of the newspapers of the State and several hundred influential citizens, including such men as Frank T. Howard, the capitalist; John M. Parker, the cotton factor; the Rev. Reverend Warner, pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church, whose Thanksgiving Day sermon last fall is credited with having started the present movement; and the Rt. Rev. James H. Blank, Archbishop of New Orleans.

The State's political leaders of both parties have declared strongly against race-track gambling, but without indicating in all cases what the remedy shall be. Governor-elect J. Y. Sanders made the dangers of race-track gambling a feature of his recent campaign, and in his message to the Legislature is awaited with interest. The Democratic State central committee recently recommended the "suppression of the vice of gambling in all its forms."

Discussion of the effect of the tracks on the winter tourists business of New Orleans has been one of the most vital and interesting phases of the agitation. The claims ranged all the way from statements that without racing New Orleans would be "dead" to the winter tourists, to the claim that the boarding-houses alone benefited to the extent of about \$2,500 by race followers as guests, while at least \$100,000 in thefts and defalcations during each season could be traced either to the thugs attracted here by the races, or to speculation by betting among persons of small means.

ILLINOIS ADRIFT

Gale on California Coast, Nearly Causes
Serious Accident to Fleet.

MONTREY, CAL., May 3.—A north-west gale sweeping into the harbor gave the eight ships of the second division of the Atlantic fleet several hours of watchfulness last night and all communication with shore. A serious accident was narrowly averted when the battleship Illinois, second in line from the Alabama, flagship of Rear Admiral Sperry, parted her anchor chain in the height of the blow and went drifting toward the shore. The Illinois headed directly for the Alabama and it looked for a time as though a collision was imminent. But heroic work by the Illinois crew, and the only damage done was the tearing away of the port gangway of the Alabama. The Illinois fully 300 yards before her emergency anchor was spinning into the whitecapped waters finally held fast.

BARONESS COMMITS MURDER

Shoots and Kills Her Husband and
Tries Suicide.

Berlin, May 3.—Baroness Udo von Ruexleben shot and killed her husband in his chamber at Baden-Baden, and then attempted to shoot herself. She was about to retire, she then shot herself, but survives the self-inflicted wound. No explanation has been made of the occurrence.

Baron von Ruexleben, who was of an old Thuringian family, married Wanda von Strombeck in Berlin last November. The baron was thirty-five years old and his widow is twenty-six.

WATCH WAS STOLEN

Would-Be Seller of Miss Winnie Davis's
Watch No Relation of Davis Family.

MACON, GA., May 3.—Mrs. Margaret H. Jefferson, of Macon, Georgia, writes to the Telegraph under date of April 30th saying that she was present at the sale of her sister, Yvonne Davis, daughter of the Confederate General, at Macon, Georgia, and that she was sold to her by a man named Davis, who she said was not a relative of the Davis family. She said that she was sold to her by a man named Davis, who she said was not a relative of the Davis family. She said that she was sold to her by a man named Davis, who she said was not a relative of the Davis family.

DERVISHES MURDER A BRITISH SUBJECT

CAIRO, EGYPT, May 3.—A British subject, Scott Moncrieff, deputy inspector of the Blue Nile province, together with a native official, had been assassinated by the instance of a local sheik, who proclaimed himself prophet at Mesalimich, about 150 miles from Khartoum. A small punitive force, led by the Governor of the province, was attacked by a murderous band of Dervishes. The Governor was wounded and two native officials were killed.

RAILEY'S MAJORITY WILL BE BELOW 25,000 VOTES

DALLAS, TEXAS, May 3.—Additional returns from yesterday's Democratic primary election are scattering. Several counties still reported no returns. It is probable that Senator Bailey's majority for delegate at large to the Denver Convention will be below 25,000.

IS THAW INSANE?

Slayer of White Will Attempt to Gain
His Freedom—Case Called To-Day.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 3.—Public interest in the case of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will be revived to-morrow morning, when Thaw will endeavor to have habeas corpus proceedings to obtain his release from the Matteawan State Hospital for Insane Criminals.

The writ of habeas corpus is returnable before Justice Morschauser in the Supreme Court in this city to-morrow.

The writ was issued by Judge Morschauser at White Plains on April 22d, on the application of James G. Graham, an attorney of Newburgh.

Mr. Graham did not figure in the Thaw case prior to the young man's commitment to Matteawan.

District Attorney Jarmon, of New York county, will oppose the proceedings, and try to prevent the discharge of Thaw, who he believes is insane.

The first step in the court proceedings will be a motion by Mr. Jarmon to have the trial transferred to New York county.

Mr. Jarmon thinks it will be more convenient for witnesses to have the trial in New York, and he has pointed out that it will cost Dutchess county \$30,000 to have the case heard here.

Matteawan is sixteen miles from Poughkeepsie, and it will be more convenient to the hospital management to have the case tried here.

Thaw will be brought to Poughkeepsie to-morrow by Dr. Baker, acting superintendent of the institution, and two attendants. Dr. Baker will testify that Thaw is not mentally fit to be given his liberty.

Other insanity experts who have examined Thaw will be put on the stand by District Attorney Jarmon.

Among the experts retained by Thaw's attorney to testify to his mental condition are Dr. Charles W. Pilgrim, superintendent of the Hudson River State Hospital, and Dr. Charles H. Lane, of Poughkeepsie.

Up to this evening no relative of Thaw had arrived here. Neither his wife nor his mother has visited him in two months. During the three months he has been at Matteawan he has gained twenty pounds.

CHILD LABOR IMPROVEMENT

Hook Worm Found to Be the Cause of
Ill Health Among Mill Children.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3.—Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, is completing an important report to be submitted to Secretary Strauss, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, relative to the existence of the hook worm disease among children employed in the cotton mills of the South.

In connection with child labor statistics that are being prepared by the department, Secretary Strauss desires to know the cause of the system of child labor in the cotton mills of the South. The condition of children in Southern cotton mills is due to work in the mills and how much to disease.

Secretary Strauss recently requested General Wyman, of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, to furnish him with an expert and Dr. Wyman detailed Dr. Stiles, who spent several months in the North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

His report to Secretary Strauss will show that a large percentage of the medical condition of children in Southern cotton mills is due to the hook worm disease, which has long existed without recognition in the medical profession of that section.

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MR. CLEVELAND BETTER

Reports That He Is Suffering From
Cancer Are Said to Be Unfounded.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., May 3.—The condition of ex-President Grover Cleveland, who is said by physicians to be suffering from cancer, continues to show daily improvement, according to Mrs. Cleveland, who expresses the hope that the Eastern progress of the disease may permit an early return to Princeton.

The patient spent a quiet Sunday at the Lakewood Hotel, and was in good spirits. He was pleased to hear of the progress made. Mrs. Cleveland said:

"I have given two or three statements to the Associated Press. What I have said each time still holds, and there continues to be daily improvement in his condition. I am glad to repeat this to-night."

Mrs. Cleveland is keenly cognizant of the deep interest that the public has in the state of Mr. Cleveland's health, and she stated to-night that if any change developed in the condition of her husband, it would be made public.

It is stated authoritatively that reports that Mr. Cleveland is suffering from cancer are unfounded.

OFFICER MURDERED

Shot By Man He Was Attempting to
Arrest.

TOLEDO, O., May 3.—Sergeant James Boyle, of the local police force, was fatally shot, and a man named Bechtel shot through the groin here early today. Boyle, in company with Officer A. L. Jackson, saw Bechtel, George Rogers and John Mack acting suspiciously in the Erie freight yards. They had effected an arrest of Rogers and Mack, when Bechtel, with his hand in his coat-pocket shot without drawing his revolver, and ran away. Boyle was shot in the abdomen, and his death is but a matter of hours.

Officer Jackson fired four times at Bechtel, the fourth shot taking effect. He continued his flight, but was arrested later.

TWELVE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Avelin Hotel Destroyed by
Fire and Many Bodies
Under the Ruins.

BODIES RECOVERED ARE MANGLED AND CHARRED

Guests, Frenzied by Flames,
Leap from Windows to the
Streets—Number of Those
Buried Under Debris
Is Not Yet
Known.

FORT WAYNE, IND., May 3.—At least twelve persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Avelin Hotel here early today. The entire interior of the building is a smoldering heap of ruins, and how many dead are concealed by the debris can only be conjectured.

The hotel register was consumed by the fire and there is no accurate means of determining who is missing. The known dead are R. S. Johnson, Pana, Ill.; M. Hirsch, New York; J. E. Miller, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; J. E. Ellis, salesman for Carson Pierce, Scott and Company, Chicago; W. A. Pletcher, Fort Wayne, salesman for S. F. Boyser and Company, Fort Wayne; J. W. DeVinney, salesman for Crawford and Lehman, Philadelphia.

Three unidentified men. The known missing: A. Wessem, wrestler, Fort Wayne, formerly of St. Louis; Frank Baxter, attorney, Auburn, Ind.; E. B. Alty, Washburn, Ind.; Charles Benjamin, salesman for Detroit Neckwear Company, Detroit; Mrs. Sarah Hathaway, Mishawaka, Ind.; unknown woman, companion of Mrs. Hathaway.

Mangled and Charred.

The complete destruction of the interior of the hotel makes the work of recovering of bodies difficult. Charred wood, bricks and twisted girders are piled up between the walls to the second story. Piece by piece this must be removed before the roll of the dead can be completed. Some of the bodies taken out are mangled and charred beyond recognition.

The fire was discovered at 2:30 this morning in the elevator shaft by Night Clerk Ralph Hopkins. He rushed to the upper floors, alarming the guests until the flames, which had spread with great rapidity, drove him back. His efforts, however, saved many lives. The hotel was erected half a century ago, and the woodwork was dry as tinder. Within a few minutes from the time the fire was first discovered the whole interior of the hotel was a mass of flames, and the only avenue of escape was by the windows.

Frenzied by Flames.

The fire department rescued many of the guests by means of ladders, but some, frenzied by the rush of the flames, leaped from windows to the street.

R. S. Johnson, of Pana, Ill., jumped from the fifth story. His body struck a balcony and bounded far into the street. He died a short time later. As the flames increased, men and women were seen in the windows of their rooms, imploring for help. Some did not wait for the assistance of the firemen, and leaped to the street. Those who left their rooms before the flames cut off their retreat were able to make their way to the fire escapes, and were saved.

SIX KILLED BY FIRE

Mysterious Burning of a Tenement
Causes Loss of Life and Injury.

NEW YORK, May 3.—An early morning fire in a four-story brick tenement at No. 17 Humboldt Street, a thickly populated section of Brooklyn, caused the death of six persons and the serious injury of four others. Every member of one family, consisting of a mother and four children, are among the dead. There were many thrilling rescues by their brave work that the death list was not larger.

A half-dozen or more persons who were trapped in the upper stories were saved by jumping into life nets. The financial loss caused by the fire is estimated at \$10,000. The dead: Mrs. Dora Abrams and Sadie Carrie.

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WEATHER.

Rain.

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SCORES NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE

Commissioner Smith, of Com-
merce and Labor Depart-
ment, Exposes Methods.

COMPARES NEW ORLEANS METHOD OF GRADING

Says If New York Exchange
Cannot Exist Under a Just
and Equitable System, It
Has No Excuse for
Existence at
All.

IN February the House of Representatives ordered the Department of Commerce and Labor to inquire into and report upon the cotton exchanges of the United States. In accordance with this instruction, the Bureau of Corporations last night made an exhaustive report, in which the New York Cotton Exchange is severely condemned.

The letter of Commissioner Herbert Knox Smith to the President says in part:

There are two great cotton exchanges in this country—New York and New Orleans—where organized future dealings are conducted. All future trading on both these exchanges is in so-called "basis" contracts—that is, contracts which permit the delivery of a certain quantity of cotton on one contract.

The seller of this contract may deliver thereon any grade he chooses within the range prescribed by the exchange. The buyer has no option. The proper theory of a basis contract, however, is that all grades shall be deliverable at prices which will make them commercial equivalents of each other. Cotton is graded substantially on its color and on the amount of leaf and other foreign matter, all materially affecting its market value. At the time that this investigation started, thirty grades were deliverable on contracts of the New York Cotton Exchange, later the price is fixed by the parties to the contract. The prices at which other grades are deliverable are determined by the so-called "differences" above and below, or in trade parlance, "on" and "off" middling.

New York Method.

There are two ways of establishing these differences. For the last eleven years the New York Cotton Exchange has had a so-called "fixed-differences" system. A committee of the exchange meets twice a year, in September and in November, and establishes the respective price differences on or off which shall apply to the grades other than middling. These differences, once established, can not be changed until the next regular meeting, and govern all contracts in futures.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange, on the other hand, has what is known as the "commercial differences" system. A committee of the exchange meets daily, and upon information of actual spot transactions, quotes the prices of the various grades, which quotations virtually establish the differences which apply on future contracts. That is to say, the New York system arbitrarily fixes what the differences for all grades shall be for two months or for ten months, while New Orleans follows the actual market differences for these grades as established by daily spot transactions.

The buyer of a future contract can not specify the grades to be delivered thereon. Obviously, therefore, he is greatly concerned as to the "differences" at which he may have to accept the various grades. He knows exactly the price for one grade—that is, middling cotton. That price is stipulated in his contract, the so-called basis price. But as to the prices which he must pay for other grades he is dependent upon the exchange.

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PRINCE WILHELM, OF SWEDEN, MARRIED

With Great Pomp and Cere-
mony Grand Duchess Marie
Becomes His Wife.

ROYAL PERSONAGES GRACE THE OCCASION

Emperor of Russia Conducts the
Royal Pair to the Dais of the
Imperial Chapel—Service
Performed by Metropoli-
tan and by Swed-
ish Bishop.

S. T. PETZRSBURG, May 3.—Prince Wilhelm of Sweden, second son of King Gustave, the popular sailor prince, who visited America in 1907, was married this afternoon to Grand Duchess Marie Paulovna, daughter of Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovich. The ceremony took place at Tsarskoe-Selo, and was accompanied by all the pomp and brilliant display of color characteristic of the most stately court in Europe. The day was marked by frequent falls of snow, which, however, failed to chill the enthusiasm of the great crowds that gathered around the palace to catch a glimpse of the Emperor and other royal personages and the arriving guests.

In the evening a great state banquet was served, at which toasts were drunk to the good understanding between Sweden and Russia recently reached in the Baltic agreement, to which to-day's wedding—the first in modern times between the ruling houses of two countries—puts the seal.

Robing the Bride.

The wedding guests who took part in the ceremony assembled at half past 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the great palace at Tsarskoe-Selo. Only Premier Stolypin, the members of the cabinet, the president of the Council of State, the principal ambassadors to Russia and their wives and a few of the highest dignitaries of the empire found place in the small blue and gold chapel of the palace, where the orthodox ceremony was performed.

The other guests were stationed according to their rank in the various salons and halls through which the bridal procession passed. The robing of the bride was performed in a series of ante-chambers, where the bride, in the private apartments of the Empress, was dressed by the Empress and the Dowager Empress, assisted by their maids of honor and their ladies in waiting. The bride wore on her head a jeweled diadem and from her shoulders hung a long trained mantle of strawberry velvet lined with ermine. In the procession the train of this garment was borne by five court chamberlains. As soon as the bride had been completely arrayed, Prince Wilhelm was notified by a master of ceremonies and conducted to the inner apartments, where the Grand Duchess Marie was waiting.

Royal Procession.

A salute of twenty-one guns and a blast of trumpets announced the start of the procession. At its head came King Gustave, the Emperor of Russia, escorted by the Grand Duke of Hesse, Crown Prince Ferdinand and Crown Princess Marie of Roumania, attended by the court ushers and marshals and other functionaries.

Then arm in arm came the bridal pair. Behind the young couple marched Prince Nicholas and Prince Andrew of Greece and their wives, Prince Christopher of Greece and Prince Carl of Sweden and his wife. The guests from foreign courts were followed by more than a score of Russian grand dukes and grand duchesses. The grand duchesses, like all the invited ladies, wore the picturesque Russian court costume of high pearl-encrusted caps and low cut dresses, with ancient Russian embroidery.

Imperial Salute.

The Imperial guests were received at the chapel doors by the metropolitan of the court and a number of priests. After the Emperor had been blessed and sprinkled with holy water, he conducted the bridal pair to the dais before the great golden gates of the high altar. The wedding rings were brought from the altar on golden salvers and

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PRIEST SAVES GIRL

Thrasher Man Who Was Insulting
Young Lady—In Muscular Christian.

CUMBERLAND, MD., May 3.—Rev. Father H. S. Nagengast, pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic parish, Hancock, Md., last night proved his chivalry in a most strenuous manner. A young lady, Miss Mamie Murray, of Hancock, was passing along Main Street at a dark spot, directly opposite the Western Maryland Station, when she was suddenly seized by the throat by a young man from near Warfordsburg, Pa., four miles north of Hancock, who goes both by the name of Jackson Brakeall and Covatt. The fellow was intoxicated, but drinking had not interfered with his strength. Father Nagengast happened along and the young lady made a plaintive appeal for help, the fellow at the same time taking to his heels. Father Nagengast, who is both an athlete and a sprinter, started in pursuit. After passing through alleys and around dark corners for about five minutes, Father Nagengast overtook the fellow on the Western Maryland Railroad tracks, not far from the station.

He hurled him to the ground after Brakeall had made an ineffectual attempt to choke the priest, and he was given a severe drubbing. Large knots were raised on his head, and he bled profusely. He was taken to a nearby house, where it was necessary after Officer Rhodes took him into custody to have Dr. James A. West give him medical attention. The attack of the self-defense helped in subduing the fellow. He had to succumb under a strangle hold.

TO VISIT PRESIDENT

Cardinal, Accompanied by Other Bishops,
To Reach Washington To-Day.

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CATHOLICS OPEN SESSION; OTHERS TO START TO-DAY

Jewish Charities Meeting in
Evening and Surgeons
This Morning.

GREETING FROM POPE READ LAST NIGHT

Governor Lauds Stand of Catho-
lic Church Against the Divorce
Evil—The Mayor, President
Mulry and Others Speak.
Convention Month
Begins.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

9 A. M.—Mass, St. Peter's Church.
10:30 A. M.—Conference McGill Union.

2:30 P. M.—Business session.
9 P. M.—Informal reception at McGill Union.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEW-
ISH CHARITIES.

8 P. M.—Opening session and din-
ner at Jefferson Auditorium.

AMERICAN SURGICAL ASSOCIA-
TION.

10 A. M.—Opening executive ses-
sion at Jefferson Auditorium.

10:30 A. M.—Public session, pa-
pers and discussion.

9 P. M.—Singing reception tend-
er to the visiting surgeons by Dr.
Lewis G. Boster at the Westmore-
land Club.

Conventions To-Morrow

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL